

Amendments to the Claim:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A microarray comprising a plurality of single stranded nucleic acid probes immobilized in discrete areas of a solid support, said probes being ~~hybridised~~ hybridized to a library of complexes,

wherein each complex comprises an encoded molecule and a template which ~~codes for~~ identifies said encoded molecule,

said template comprising a ~~number~~ plurality of codons, ~~which codes for chemical entities which upon reaction form a reaction product which at least partly form part of the encoded molecule~~

said encoded molecule comprising a plurality of structural units, each codon in a given template identifying a structural unit in the encoded molecule with which it is complexed,

wherein said encoded molecules collectively provide a plurality of chemically distinct structural units and said templates collectively provide a plurality of chemically distinct codons,

wherein each chemically distinct codon identifies one and only one chemically distinct structural unit,

wherein the encoded molecules are not nucleic acids, and

wherein at least one encoded molecule is not a protein composed solely of one or more of the 20 genetically encoded amino acids.

2. (Currently Amended) A microarray according to claim 1, ~~wherein the chemical entities are precursors~~ each encoded molecule is obtained by the simultaneous or sequential reaction

of two or more chemical entities, wherein each chemical entity is a precursor for a structural unit appearing in the encoded molecule.

3. (Currently Amended) A microarray according to claim ~~±~~ 25, wherein the chemical entities are transferred to the nascent encoded molecule by a building block, which further comprises an anti-codon.

4. (Original) A microarray according to claim 3, wherein the information of the anti-codon is transferred in conjunction with the chemical entity to the nascent complex.

5. (Currently Amended) A microarray according to claim ~~±~~ 2, wherein the chemical entities are reacted without enzymatic interaction.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A microarray according to claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid probe of the array is ~~hybridised~~ hybridized to a template through an adapter oligonucleotide having a sequence complementing the probe as well as the template.

8. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A method for preparing the microarray of claim ~~22~~ 1, wherein an oligonucleotide microarray comprising a plurality of single stranded nucleic acid probes immobilized in discrete areas of a solid support is mixed under conditions which allows for specific ~~hybridisation~~ hybridization with a library of complexes, each of said complexes comprising an encoded molecule and a template which codes for said molecule, ~~said template comprising a number of codons which codes for chemical entities which upon reaction form a reaction product which at least partly form part of the encoded molecule.~~

9. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A method for identifying an encoded molecule having a preselected property, comprising the steps of

- i) providing the microarray according to claim ~~22~~ 1,
- ii) adding a biological sample containing target molecules,
- iii) washing non-bound material off, and

iv) detecting any bound material in each spot.

10-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A microarray according to claim ~~11~~ 25, wherein each nascent encoded molecule forms a nascent complex with a nascent template consisting essentially of the codons identifying the structural units of said nascent encoded molecule, wherein the information of the anti-codon is transferred in conjunction with the chemical entity to the nascent complex.

13-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A microarray according to claim 2, wherein the nucleic acid probe of the array is ~~hybridised~~ hybridized to a template through an adapter oligonucleotide having a sequence complementing the probe as well as the template.

16. (Currently Amended) A microarray according to claim ~~11~~ 25, wherein the chemical entities are reacted without enzymatic interaction.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A microarray according to claim ~~11~~ 25, wherein the nucleic acid probe of the array is ~~hybridised~~ hybridized to a template through an adapter oligonucleotide having a sequence complementing the probe as well as the template.

19. (Previously Presented) A microarray according to claim 3, wherein the chemical entities are reacted without enzymatic interaction.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A microarray according to claim 3, wherein the nucleic acid probe of the array is ~~hybridised~~ hybridized to a template through an adapter oligonucleotide having a sequence complementing the probe as well as the template.

22. (Currently Amended) The microarray of claim 1 wherein the codons are DNA codons, ~~or the encoded molecules are not proteins.~~

23. (Previously Presented) The microarray of claim 1 wherein at least one codon is a DNA codon.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (New) The microarray of claim 2 wherein said microarray is obtained by a process comprising reacting at least two chemical entities to obtain a nascent encoded molecule, and reacting a nascent encoded molecule with at least one chemical entity to obtain an encoded molecule.

26. (New) The array of claim 1 wherein the structural position of each codon within a template identifies the structural position of the corresponding structural unit identified by said codon within the encoded molecule with which said template is complexed.

27. (New) The array of claim 26 wherein, all of the complexes exhibit the same relationship between the structural positions of the codons of the template in a complex and the structural positions of the corresponding structural units in the encoded molecule in the same complex.

28. (New) The array of claim 27 wherein the template is linear.

29. (New) The array of claim 1 wherein each chemically distinct structural unit is identified by one and only one chemically distinct codon.

30. (New) The array of claim 1, wherein the templates are nucleic acids.

31. (New) The array of claim 30, wherein the codons are all composed of the same number of nucleotides.

32. (New) The array of claim 1, wherein each template is three or more codons.

33. (New) the array of claim 31, wherein each codon is 3-30 nucleotides.

34. (New) The array of claim 1, wherein the connection

between structural units is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -S-, -NH-, -NR-, -NH-C(<)-C(<)-O-, -C(=S)-NH-, >C=N-O-, -SO₂-N<, -C(-Z)(-Z')-C(=O)-, and -C(-Z)(-Z')-C(=O)-, wherein Z and Z' are independently selected from the group consisting of COOR, CHO, COR, CONR''₂, COO-, NO₂, SOR, SO₂R, SO₂NR''₂ and CN.

35. (New) The microarray of claim 1, said templates comprising one or more spacer sequences identifying the structural position of one or more codons within said template.

36. (New) The microarray of claim 1, said templates comprising flanking sequences in the form of priming sites for PCR amplification.

37. (New) the microarray of claim 25, wherein said microarray is obtained by a process comprising

- a) providing a solid support,
- b) providing a plurality of single stranded nucleic acid probes,
- c) immobilizing the nucleic acid probes in discrete areas of the solid support,
- d) hybridizing the nucleic acid probes to templates of a library of complexes each comprising a molecule and a template identifying the molecule,

wherein the complexes of the library are produced by a method comprising the steps of

- i) reacting a plurality of chemical entities without enzymatic interaction, thereby generating the molecule of the complexes, and
- ii) linking each molecule, or a precursor thereof, to a template,

wherein the template is divided into codons,

wherein each codon identifies a chemical entity which has reacted with one or more other chemical entities to form the molecule.

38 (New). The microarray of claim 1, wherein at least one encoded molecule is not a protein composed solely of one or more of the naturally occurring amino acids.